

**PROP 83** SEX OFFENDERS. SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATORS.  
PUNISHMENT, RESIDENCE RESTRICTIONS AND MONITORING.  
INITIATIVE STATUTE. ★ ★ ★

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION 83**

Proposition 83—JESSICA’S LAW—will protect our children by keeping child molesters in prison longer; keeping them away from schools and parks; and monitoring their movements after they are released.

A rape or sexual assault occurs *every two minutes*. A child is abused or neglected *every 35 seconds*.

Over 85,000 registered sex offenders live in California. Current law does not provide Law Enforcement with the tools they need to keep track of these dangerous criminals. *Secrecy is the child molester’s biggest tool*. How can we protect our children if we don’t even know where the sex offenders are?

Proposition 83 is named after Jessica Lunsford, a 9-year-old girl who was kidnapped, assaulted, and buried alive by a convicted sex offender who had failed to report where he lived.

Proposition 83 will:

*Electronically monitor, through GPS tracking, dangerous sex offenders for life* once they finish their prison terms.

Require dangerous sex offenders to *serve their entire sentence* and not be released early for any reason.

Create PREDATOR FREE ZONES *around schools and parks* to prevent sex offenders from living near where our children learn and play.

Protect children from INTERNET PREDATORS by cracking down on people who use the Internet to sexually victimize children.

Require MANDATORY MINIMUM PRISON SENTENCES for dangerous child molesters and sex criminals.

Allow prosecutors to charge criminals who possess *child pornography with a felony*. (Current law treats child porn like trespassing or driving on a suspended license!)

Crime Victims and Law Enforcement leaders urge you to pass this much needed reform. Jessica’s Law is supported by:

• California State Sheriffs Association • California District Attorneys Association • California Organization of Police and Sheriffs • California Police Chiefs Association • Crime Victims United of California • California Women’s Leadership Association • California Sexual Assault Investigators Association • Women Prosecutors of California • Mothers Against Predators • Mark Lunsford, father of Jessica Lunsford • Numerous cities, counties, and local sheriffs, police chiefs, and elected officials.

Law enforcement professionals know there is a high risk that a sexual predator will commit additional sex crimes after being released from prison. Prop. 83 keeps these dangerous criminals in prison longer and keeps track of them once they are released.

Proposition 83 *means safer schools, safer parks, and safer neighborhoods*.

Proposition 83 *means dangerous child molesters will be kept away from our children* and monitored for life.

Proposition 83 *means predatory sex criminals will be punished* and serve their full sentence in every case.

Our families deserve the protection of a tough sex offender punishment and control law. The State Legislature has failed to pass Jessica’s Law time and time again. WE CANNOT WAIT ANOTHER DAY TO PROTECT OUR KIDS.

Vote YES on Proposition 83—JESSICA’S LAW—to protect our families and make California a safer place for all of us.

For more information, please visit [www.JessicasLaw2006.com](http://www.JessicasLaw2006.com).

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**REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION 83**

The argument in favor of Proposition 83 ignores the sad lessons learned by other states. For example, the leading prosecutors’ association in Iowa, which once urged the adoption of laws similar to Proposition 83, now argues that those laws be repealed because they have proven to be *ineffective, a drain on crucial law enforcement resources, and far too costly to taxpayers*. California cannot afford to repeat that mistake.

The Proponents claim that the law is directed at “child molesters” and “dangerous sex offenders,” but *its most punitive and restrictive measures would apply far more broadly: even to those convicted of misdemeanor, nonviolent offenses*. They would also apply to people who have long led law-abiding lives for years after completing their sentences. More specifically, the Proposition would:

—Prohibit thousands of *misdemeanor offenders* from living near a school or park for the rest of their lives.

—Impose lifetime GPS monitoring on first-time offenders convicted of nonviolent offenses. *For example, a 19-year-old boy could be subjected to lifetime monitoring after a conviction for having sexual contact with his 17-year-old girlfriend*.

—Impose both lifetime residence restrictions and lifetime GPS monitoring on thousands of people who have lived law abiding lives for years or even decades.

*These results are simply wrong.*

Here’s the bottom line. California has laws that protect us from Sexually Violent Predators, and this Initiative could have focused on such dangerous persons. But, it does not! *Don’t be fooled*. VOTE NO ON PROPOSITION 83.

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